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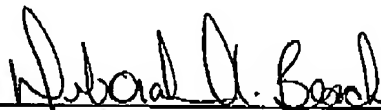
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For: DAMPING DEVICE COMPRISING INNER
AND OUTER PARTS, TOGETHER WITH
PROCESS AND APPLICATION OF SUCH A
DAMPING DEVICE

Examiner: M. Torres

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed December 10, 2004 (Paper No. 12062004), Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-12 for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between Group I (claims 1-12) and Group II (claims 13-17). The Examiner states that Group I and Group II are related as process of making and product made and are distinct if both or either can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product, or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process.

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